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BRITISH POLICY.

Mr. Eugene Chen and the Memorandum.

LONDON NOT SURPRISED.

Rugby, Jan. 3. In authoritative circles here no surprise is expressed regarding the tenor of the Note addressed to the United States Government by Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, denouncing the memorandum in which British policy in China was set forth.

That policy can, and should, in British opinion, be applied to China as a whole. The unconditional grant of the Washington Surtaxes is regarded as necessary towards liquidation of the promises made at Washington.

The British memorandum urges that the competent Chinese authorities should decide all questions regarding the disposition and banking of the additional revenues, and this can hardly be called intervention on one side or the other as Mr. Eugene Chen suggests.

Shanghai A Prize.

Regarding Mr. Eugene Chen's statement that the granting of the surtaxes and the disposal of them locally would tend to make Shanghai a theatre of war, it is pointed out that inevitably and regrettably in the course of the civil war in China the centres of trade, such as Shanghai, have always been the goal of the contending forces.

The British proposals would not create a new situation in this respect. British policy has not been influenced by consideration as to which party is in control of Shanghai or any other part of China, nor would it be deflected by the transfer of authority such as Mr. Eugene Chen suggests is likely to take place.

It will be remembered that the surtaxes in fact, if not in name are already being levied by the Cantonese at the ports controlled by them.

Mr. Eugene Chen's note therefore implies that these taxes should be paid to the Cantonese alone but not to their opponents—British Wireless Service.

A Reuter cable from London today in connection with Mr. Eugene Chen's note mentions the further point that if the unconditional granting of the Washington surtaxes momentarily gives greater benefit to the North than the South, this in itself constitutes a commentary on the Cantonese claim to be regarded as the Government of China.

France's Attitude.

Paris, Jan. 3. Interviewed by "Le Matin" Mr. Briand said in regard to China that the French Government remains firmly attached to the spirit of the Washington agreement.

France does not desire to hamper in any manner the movement of Chinese emancipation and will carefully avoid interfering with the internal affairs of the country. —Hawas.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Views. London, Jan. 3. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in an article in the "Socialist Review" says the Canton Government is naturally in a truculent mood, and believes it has beaten us.

The Cantonese are unlikely to take us at our own valuation. We must put ourselves right with them, but a mere scuffle will not do that. The old conditions of China, have imposed on us obligations which remain until we are relieved of them by negotiation.

"Canton must be assumed to have commonsense, and once it is assured by the genuineness of our desire to come to terms on a basis a frank recognition of China's nationality and right of self-government, it will surely not object to discuss matters." —Reuter.

Peking Press Views.

Peking, Dec. 28. The Chinese press' reaction regarding the British Memorandum is either lukewarm or frankly antagonistic, none of the papers really commanding the note although it forecasts so strongly a more liberal policy toward China.

The "Chenpao" and others of the vernacular papers go on record as strongly opposed to the slight increase recommended under the terms of the Washington treaty and forecast no nothing less than full Cantonese autonomy.

As might have been expected the Nationalists, however, the

HANKOW RIOT.

Rabble Bayonets British Sailor.

SERIOUS CASUALTIES.

Hankow, Jan. 3. Meeting at various points around the British Concession arranged by the Anti-British Association developed seriously after noon and it became necessary to call up the marines, who with an armoured truck cleared the rabble near the customs without firing.

At two o'clock the crowds gathered again at the customs house on the British bank and made a simultaneous rush in repelling which a sailor fell. His rifle was immediately seized and he was bayoneted through the leg.

Two other serious casualties were caused by carrying poles.

KIANGSI DANGERS.

Rugby, Jan. 3. In view of the difficulty of protecting life owing to the disturbed conditions, the British Government has advised British mission to withdraw from the interior of the province of Kiangsi. —British Wireless Service.

and two special constables were slightly wounded.

The position remained serious until eight o'clock this evening, when the mob retired.

A lantern procession organised by the Kuomintang and the anti-British agitators, which it was feared would provoke further trouble, passed off quietly. —Reuter.

"Tribune" is quite vehemently anti-British and while advocating full tariff autonomy, alludes to the memorandum in quite a depreciatory manner, saying among other things of an uncomplimentary nature: "The British leopard cannot change its spots overnight."

France's Attitude.

Paris, December 28. It may be reliably stated that France does not agree with the British Memorandum advocating a more liberal policy toward China. It prefers to await developments, allowing Canton time to demonstrate its power toward an administrative capacity.

It is believed here that the American and Japanese attitudes are practically identical with that of France.

Attitude at Hankow.

Hankow, Dec. 29.

It is understood that the British Memorandum has created bad impression in Nationalist Government circles here. The opinion is expressed that the granting of the Washington surtaxes to local authorities is equivalent to giving the political enemies of the Nationalists two-thirds of the Washington surtax, while the Nationalists receive one-third.

The Nationalists also assert that the step would have a repercussion in promoting civil war, as it would place the treaty ports at a premium, for whereas Peking in the past has been the golden prize of militarists (it being the point of disbursement of the Customs revenues) the suggested payment of surtaxes to local authorities would add innumerable bones of contention.

It is stated that the Nationalist Government intend to send a strong Note to the British Government in this connection and to oppose the adoption of the measures suggested. They hope for the early return of Mr. Miles Lampson to Hankow and the resumption of the conversations between him and Mr. Eugene Chen towards a definite conclusion.

Nationalist circles explain that the present anti-imperialist movement has a two-fold object. Firstly, they say the existence of the Diplomatic Body in Peking and extraterritoriality tend to impose super-Government on China in that they involve dictation to China by outsiders. The Nationalists aim elimination of this and will then negotiate separately with the Powers. Secondly, the movement aims at the Chinese, the public, and the Government to realize that

the Chinese Government and the

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

Trade Hopes for New Year.

PRIME MINISTER'S REVIEW.

London, Jan. 3. The New Year opens in a spirit of hopefulness, long unbroken in industrial circles. Substantial orders have been placed with manufacturers in Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Clyde and the Midlands following the conclusion of the coal stoppage.

Signs are wanting that the King's New Year message appealing for goodwill has been taken to heart by the industrial peacemakers.

Lord Wimborne recently gave a private luncheon to hear the pronouncement of Lord D'Abenon regarding the situation in Germany and to discuss how far German solutions of industrial problems are applicable in Britain.

It is now learned that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, and leading industrial Labour leaders were among the guests.

With reference to the report of the luncheon, a politically important Trade Union official today told Reuter that there was a friendly, informal talk about the industrial position at the end. The peace atmosphere was so satisfactory that the hope was expressed that the people immediately concerned might get together again.

Prospects of a Boom.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in an article in the "Advertising World" optimistically reviews the prospects for a restoration of trade if all work together. He says: "Our

aim is to produce goods and to let the world know we have them. "I have no fears on the production side, but on the selling side we must modernise our methods and employ the recent great developments in art and advertising."

Mr. Terrell, President of the Union of Manufacturers, in the same paper, contemplates the prospects of a boom in trade which are very bright on account of increased costs of production on the Continent, which will seriously affect the Continent's capacity for export. Therefore there will be less of the fierce competition which in the past few years has been so disastrous to British industry. —Reuter.

CHANG AND SURTAXES.

Peking, Dec. 29.

On his arrival here, Marshal Chang Tso-lin issued a communiqué, announcing that the surtaxes decided upon at the Washington Conference would be collected at all open ports throughout the country.

the Foreign Affairs Department, belonging to the Ankuochun Army to present the following manifesto of his aims to the Diplomatic Corps:

1.—Formation of a stable Government.

2.—The Ankuochun will adopt the principle of moderation in

diplomacy.

3.—The Ankuochun will observe the validity of Treaties concluded between China and foreign Powers.

4.—The Ankuochun will admit China's debts to foreign Powers.

5.—The Ankuochun is opposed to

6.—The Ankuochun will prohibit anti-Imperialistic movements and propaganda of strikes.

7.—The Ankuochun, which is

against Bolshevism, hopes that foreign Powers will render assistance to the Ankuochun, considering that Bolshevism is the enemy of the world.

Earlier Messages.

Peking, Dec. 29.

The dismissal of Mr. Cheng Chien from the post of Chief of the Political Bureau of the Ankuochun is confirmed. Relations between him and Marshal Chang Tso-lin are reported to be very strained, but reliable circles deny that General Yang Yu-ting has been dismissed from the post of Chief Adviser to the Marshal.

It is now stated that General Yang Yu-ting has urged the adoption of one of two courses. Firstly, a compromise with the Kuomintang and abandonment of the campaign, or failing that, very vigorous prosecution of the campaign both against the Kuomintang and the Ankuochun. The latter course is now being adopted and it is evident that preparations are going on for a struggle on a very large scale.

According to the "Chen Pao," the friction among Marshal Wu Pei-fu's generals has come to a head. Marshal Wu Pei-fu ordered General Tien Wei-chin and Kuo Ying-chien to disarm General Chin Yun-ao's troops and this led to fighting between Chengchow and Hainan.

The "Chen Pao" says that if General Chin is not successfully disarmed, Marshal Wu Pei-fu would then be able to commence operations in the direction of Hupan and Western Honan. —Reuter.

ALEX. ROSS & CO. ROBBED.

Mr. C. E. Goetz, of Messrs. Alexander Ross and Company has reported to the police that sometime between 2 and 10 p.m. on January 2, thieves broke into the firm's premises at 4 Queen's Road Central and secured three boxes of white serge valued at \$1,050.

LEAD BY GODOWN WATCHMAN.

MOTOR SMASH ECHO.

Although only a watchman employed at Mody Godown, West Point, Oyarai Singh, who was killed in the Shek-O motor smash on July 10, left estate of the net value of \$45,000.

Letters of administration have now been granted to Narayan Singh, his nephew.

The deceased was well known

among the Indian community as

a successful money lender.

The motor smash in which he lost his life occurred while a car, owned by Mr. Lam Ying-yam, was negotiating a curve on Shek-O Road. All the passengers were Indian money lenders and the car was under the control of an Indian driver. Two passengers received fatal injuries, the other being Sunday Singh, who suffered the following day in hospital.

INDIA'S POLITICAL

The Indian political situation

CHANG TSO-LIN.

Friends With Adviser Again.

A NOTE TO THE POWERS.

Peking, Jan. 4. Yang Yu-ting's alleged differences with Chang Tso-lin are evidently healed, for he arrived at Peking on Sunday afternoon.

It is understood his chief object is to assist Chang Tso-lin draw up an important statement which he is expected to issue shortly as regards

Fengtien policy.

A message from Changchow states that Chin Yun-ao is reported to have handed over his troops to Tien Wei-chin and to have retired to his private residence at Chikung-shan.

The Expected Note.

Peking, Dec. 28. It is expected that Marshal Chang Tso-lin will shortly instruct Mr. Wu, Chief of

LEFT TO DIE.

Horrors of Nicaragua Battle.

A FEAST FOR VULTURES.

Managua, Jan. 3. A macabre spectacle of thousands of vultures engaged in loathsome orgies marks the scene of last week's very bloody battle in the Perlas swamps, where indescribable heaps of corpses, many of whom were wounded men left to die, have been abandoned without any attempt at removal for burial.

The Liberals numbered 1,800 and the Conservatives 1,300. At least 300 and 150 were killed and wounded on both sides.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Conservatives has decided to mobilise every fit man between twelve and fifty. —Reuter's American Service.

Liberal Claims.

Mexico City, Jan. 3. Zepeda, the Liberal representative in Mexico, claims that 800 Conservatives were taken prisoner at Las Perlas. —Reuter's American Service.

American Landing.

New York, Jan. 3. The Nicaraguan Liberal leader Sacasa, in a message to the "New York World" complains bitterly of the "unjustified and unnecessary" landing of American marines at Puerto Cabezas.

He adds that Nicaraguans repudiated Diaz, whose only support is the United States, while he describes the accusations that Mexico is assisting the Liberals as a report of Bolshevik influences at work and merely propaganda.

Reuter's American Service.

Earlier Messages.

Managua, Jan. 3. President Diaz, in the course of a statement addressed to the American and foreign public, declared that the future of Nicaragua and ultimately all Central America was at stake in the present conflict between his government and Mexico.

The President alleged that

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28	7.04	5.69
29	7.04	5.70
30	7.03	5.70
31	7.03	5.71

ARMS CHARGES.

SEQUEL TO KOWLOON
FINDS.

The three Chinese passengers found in possession of arms upon the arrival in port of the "President Grant" on Sunday afternoon, each pleaded ignorance of the Colony's laws when charged before Mr. T. W. Alnsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The first defendant, who was charged with carrying a dagger in his baggage, disclaimed ownership of the trunk in which the weapon was found. Admitting possession of the key to the trunk, the defendant claimed that it belonged to another man whose name was painted on its side. His Worship adjourned the case until this morning in order that the trunk might be brought into Court.

The other two defendants, charged respectively with possessing 350 rounds and a police revolver and 49 rounds, were fined \$200 and \$100.

On the application of Sgt. Goodwin, his Worship made an order for the confiscation of the arms and ammunition found on the No. 4 Kowloon Wharf on Sunday morning. This comprised five German rifles, one Mauser pistol, one revolver, 650 rounds of rifle ammunition, 200 rounds of Mauser ammunition, 50 Winchester ammunition and 50 rounds of revolver ammunition, one tin of smokeless powder, 2,000 primers and 100 ammunition clips.

A similar order was made in respect of 10 pounds of air rifle shots found in the steerage quarters of the "President Grant" on Sunday afternoon.

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A "KING'S HOUSE."

ON HIS THRONE IN
PYJAMAS.

WORLD-WIDE SEARCH.

After a world-wide search lasting since April 1923, the Michigan authorities have arrested Benjamin Purnell, the aged, long-haired, long-bearded "King of the House of David," who is charged with criminal practices.

Purnell founded his queer religious sect twenty years ago. He brought it to a membership of a thousand men and women who lived in a secluded colony in Michigan, where after giving all their property to the "king" they worked as farm-labourers and contracted marriages dictated by Purnell.

When more than three years ago one of the women members brought civil and criminal charges against him he could not be found. It was supposed that he had fled the country.

Now it appears that he had been living all the time in the administration building of the colony, which is surrounded by dense groves of trees. Shortly after midnight twenty police encircled the house, which they illuminated by searchlights. They found the "King" seated on his throne in pyjamas. He was carried into court by four of his bearded disciples and was released on \$10,000 bail.

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MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

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BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

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TAKAO & KEELUNG.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

"SUNNING" TRIAL.

FURTHER EVIDENCE HEARD
TO-DAY.

SEARCH OF ACCUSED.

At the resumed hearing of the "Sunning" piracy case at the Central Magistracy this morning, the Crown Solicitor re-called Det. Sub-Asst. Lane, who said that in the cabin in which the loot had been stored, he found a suit case containing a quantity of ammunition. Witness also found a European overcoat in the pocket of which was a letter addressed to Mr. H. W. Lapsley.

Continuing, witness said that he saw the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th defendants brought to the Central Police Station. He searched each man who had a number painted on his back, but found nothing incriminating on any man except No. 5 who was wearing a cardigan jacket which had been identified by a Chinese 2nd class passenger.

Witness put a guard of European and Indian police officers on board the "Sunning" that evening, returning to the ship himself at 7 o'clock on the following morning, when the contents of the cabin containing the loot were removed to the Central Police Station and put in a strong room of which witness kept the key.

In reply to further questions, witness said that he found a large quantity of baggage in the steerage quarters. This also was removed to Central Police Station, each defendant being afforded an opportunity for inspecting it. The 6th, accused claimed several articles including a small trunk in which witness found a rain coat which was subsequently claimed by Mrs. Anderson (a previous witness).

The remainder of this morning's hearing was occupied by the identification of other articles previously put in as exhibits by other witnesses.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Among the first-class passengers on the American Mail liner "President Grant," arrived at Hong Kong from Seattle on Jan. 3 were:

Mr. G. Agelbaum, Mr. L. J. Cave, Mr. Paul Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dollar, Mr. E. C. Dunn, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, Miss C. Heferon, Mrs. F. H. Jackson, Mr. M. B. Karanja, Mr. W. Kengman, Mr. W. Kozol, Mr. F. H. Jackson, Mr. E. D. Morrison, Mr. Obey, Mr. R. L. Parker, Mr. F. Rippington, Capt. P. H. Rolfe, Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. E. F. Townsend.

Saloon passengers arrived at Hong Kong from Sydney and Manila by the E. & A. S.S. Co.'s "Arafura" on Jan. 3 were:

The Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Miss D. Robertson, Miss E. Goodson, Mr. E. W. Dawson, Dr. E. Brister, Mr. and Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. L. and Dunbar, Miss A. Keifer (for Yokohama).

DEPARTURES.

First class passengers who sailed from Hong Kong for Manila on the American Mail liner "President Grant" on Jan. 3 included:

Mr. E. V. Agren, Mr. H. Bunning, Dr. D. H. Breu, Mrs. E. R. Capelton, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. and Miss Velma Cohen, Mr. H. Cohen, Mr. S. A. Covell, Mr. L. Garner, Mr. A. A. Harris, Mr. M. and Mrs. M. Hodges, Mr. H. C. Lind, Mr. R. Luther, Mrs. M. Luther, Mr. A. McMillan, Mr. A. H. Raymond, Mr. Joseph Robins, Miss M. Van Deman, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wilson, Mrs. F. Woodworth, Mr. Frank H. Heges, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Steiff, Mrs. E. Bunning, Mr. and Mrs. John Landau, Mr. F. Custodio, Mr. Ludvig Klepe, Miss L. Kline, Mr. Hans F. Gaisser, Rt. Rev. C. R. and Mrs. Dupuy, Mr. and Mrs. Jas Kinnaird, Mr. and Mrs. E. and Miss M. Greuter, Mr. A. H. Ford, Miss Maria Rosado, the Misses C. D. and B. Greuter, Mrs. Valerie Urlich, Miss Mayer, Urlich, Mr. Koemigle, Mr. Oliver Leo, Miss F. Fales, Mrs. H. D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meyer, Mr. G. B. Roerbach, Mrs. C. D. Wilson.

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SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port.

British	29
Panama	1
Norwegian	6
German	2
Japanese	8
Chinese	16
Dutch	4
Portuguese	8
French	1

Total 70

During the holidays there were 57 arrivals (19 British, 18 Japanese

5 Norwegian, 9 Chinese, 1 Danish, 2 Dutch, 2 French, 4 German, 2 American) and 54 departures (15 British, 18 Japanese, 4 Norwegian, 9 Chinese, 1 Danish, 3 Dutch, 3 French, 3 German, 3 American).

The China Borneo S.S. Co.'s "Lok Sun" sails from Hong Kong on Jan. 9 for Borneo.

One Chinese deck passenger on the "Arafura" died between Melbourne and Hong Kong.

The Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Miss D. Robertson, Miss E. Goodson, Mr. E. W. Dawson, Dr. E. Brister, Mr. and Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. L. and Dunbar, Miss A. Keifer (for Yokohama).

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MALWA	10,941	8th Jan. Noon	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan. Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	23rd Jan. Marselles, London and London	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb. Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	2,097	18th Feb. Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHMIR	9,006	19th Feb. Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,862	2nd March	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NYANZA	7,023	16th March	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	16th April	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,007	27th April	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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TILAWA	10,000	1st Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	23rd Jan.	Manila, Kolambungan, Thursday
TANDA	6,966	4th March	Island, Townsville, Brisbane
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Sydney & Melbourne
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	
TANDA	6,966	3rd June	
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ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan. 6 p.m.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	6th Jan. 4 p.m.	Shanghai & Kobe
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan. 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	12th Jan. 21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASHGAR	9,006	21st Jan. 1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,007	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TALMA	10,000	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NELLORE	8,553	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,569	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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METAL TRADES GAIN.

The deplorable position into which many branches of the metal trades have been thrown by the prolonged coal dispute adds additional point to the excellent work carried out by the Royal Metal Trades' Pension and Benevolent Society, and reinforces its appeal for further support. The present situation naturally has had serious results for very many of the employees of the large number of firms which have been unfavourably affected. The society was founded in 1843, and in the course of its history has assisted 2,170 persons to the extent of £27,100. The present pensioners on the books number 260, and the relief given during the past twelve months amounted to £7,125.

These figures were given at the 78th anniversary dinner, which was held in the Guildhall. As the Prince of Wales, who attended the dinner, pointed out, post-war conditions have put a severe strain on the funds of the society, since a pension which might have been thought adequate in former times is quite insufficient now. As His Royal Highness stated, the present object of the board of management is to increase the annual income by £10,000. It had been estimated that there were 30,000 firms engaged in the manufacture and distribution of metal and hardware, and that there must be at least an average of five persons in each firm capable of subscribing to their own trade charity, or a total of 150,000 in all. It was well to remember that any of these possible subscribers might conceivably find himself in the position of having to depend personally on the good work of the society.

The politicians make no serious attempt to palliate the disastrous results of their efforts, but reply that they would rather have the worst kind of government by themselves than the best kind by the United States. Doubtless they are sincere, but Colonel Thompson has failed to find any enthusiastic support of this reckless doctrine on the part of the people.

The Prime Minister, a past chairman of the anniversary dinner, in a letter to the chairman, Sir T. Vansittart Bowater, pointed out that there must be thousands of employees who would be prepared to subscribe to the society if the good work accomplished by it were clearly brought to their notice, and he urged all employers to assist in doing this.

Mr. Alexander K. Steven, the chairman of the board of management, stated that, although the exceptional industrial conditions of the time had prevented the society from making as much progress during the last few months as they might otherwise have made, they had none the less obtained a record collection.

The anniversary dinner was a very successful function and should assist the society in the commendable work it is doing; £8,745 was collected during the evening, the only unfortunate feature of which was the absence, owing to illness, of the Lord Mayor, Sir William Pryke, who has been so closely associated with the society.—Engineering.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

For going on board the s.s. "Takada" without permission, a Chinese, was sentenced at the Marine Court this morning, to a month's hard labour.

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gather another question whether any position or predicament exists from which there is no escape. Some may remember in this connection that, during the war, Mr. Lloyd George, the then Prime Minister, once gave utterance to the remarkable assurance that he had never known a single human problem that was not soluble.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COPE AND MITRE FOR OUR BISHOP

(To the Editor of the "China Mail") Sir.—Those of us who were privileged to see the Bishop of London in Cope and Mitre must wonder why our Bishop is not similarly attired. Surely such a high dignity in the Church as the Bishop of London must be dressed in full accordance with the rites and custom of the Church. This being the case, I suggest that a fund be started in order to provide the Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong with a Cope and Mitre.

Yours etc.,

CHURCHMAN.

Hong Kong, Jan. 3, 1927.

STERN JUSTICE.
 Execution of Armed Robbers.

LATEST SHANGHAI TOPICS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

The utmost satisfaction is felt

throughout the settlement in regard

to the treatment meted out to

nine Chinese by Magistrate Li and

Mr. Tajima (Japanese Assessor) at

the Mixed Court yesterday. The

nine accused, who were found

guilty of being implicated in a num-

ber of armed robberies that have

occurred in Shanghai during re-

cent months, took their sentences

calmly. Six of the gang were or-

dered to be sent to the Chinese auth-

orities for execution, whilst the re-

maining three were sent to jail for

ten years each with expulsion from

the Settlement at the conclusion of

their sentences.

It is my sad duty, speaking on behalf of both branches of the legal profession to express our regret at the death of Mr. R. F. Mattingly. He had many claims both on our affection and on our esteem. In the course of his legal education Mr. Mattingly showed brilliance which has never been surpassed. In the conduct of his profession he very soon attained a reputation anyone anywhere might have envied.

In private life, Mr. Mattingly always proved sympathetic and unselfish. For many years he fought against ill-health with a courage and cheerfulness that won the admiration of all of us. We have lost a wise counsellor and a true friend and I only wish to add that we all desire respectfully to offer our sympathies to his relatives in their bereavement.

Addressing the Attorney-General and the assembly, the Chief Justice said:—

"Mr. Mattingly very seldom ap-

peared in this court but on the few occasions that he came before me I realised that he was a man with personality and sound

legal judgment. What has been

said of his career and of the

esteem in which he was held by

all those with whom he came into

contact in this Colony only serves

to confirm the impression that

the slight acquaintance I had

with him had left in my mind.

"Speaking on behalf of

myself and of my learned brother, I say that we deplore the closing of a career

which had shown itself of such

great value; we deplore it all the

more because that value increased

as time went on. We desire to

associate ourselves with the ex-

pression of sympathy which you

have made on behalf of the pro-

fession. We propose to direct

that a record be entered in the

minutes of the Court of what you

have said; Mr. Attorney-General,

and also to direct the Registrar

to communicate the expression of

our sympathy to his relatives."

A TRUE FRIEND.
 LATE MR. MATTINGLY'S FINE QUALITIES.

FULL COURT TRIBUTES.

There was a special Full Court sitting at the Supreme Court this morning, local barristers and solicitors attending in large numbers.

Addressing Sir H. C. Gollan (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge), Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C. (Attorney-General) said:—

"It is my sad duty, speaking on behalf of both branches of the legal profession to express our regret at the death of Mr. R. F. Mattingly. He had many claims both on our affection and on our esteem. In the course of his legal education Mr. Mattingly showed brilliance which has never been surpassed. In the conduct of his profession he very soon attained a reputation anyone anywhere might have envied.

"In private life, Mr. Mattingly always proved sympathetic and unselfish. For many years he fought against ill-health with a courage and cheerfulness that won the admiration of all of us. We have lost a wise counsellor and a true friend and I only wish to add that we all desire respectfully to offer our sympathies to his relatives."

Addressing the Attorney-General and the assembly, the Chief Justice said:—

"Mr. Mattingly very seldom appeared in this court but on the few occasions that he came before me I realised that he was a man with personality and sound legal judgment. What has been said of his career and of the esteem in which he was held by all those with whom he came into contact in this Colony only serves to confirm the impression that he had left in my mind.

"Speaking on behalf of myself and of my learned brother, I say that we deplore the closing of a career which had shown itself of such great value; we deplore it all the more because that value increased as time went on. We desire to associate ourselves with the expression of sympathy which you have made on behalf of the profession. We propose to direct that a record be entered in the minutes of the Court of what you have said; Mr. Attorney-General, and also to direct the Registrar to communicate the expression of our sympathy to his relatives."

CHINA THEATRES.
 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the China Theatres, Ltd., held on December 30 at the Carlton Theatre, Shanghai, after the formal business of the meeting had been dispensed with, Mr. Lokan was chosen as managing director of the China Theatres, Ltd. Mr. L. R. Andrews presided and was supported by Mr. Lokan and Mr. A. H. Haslund (directors) and shareholders representing 2,234 shares.

The Resolutions.

The following resolutions were then adopted:—

That an agreement between the Company of the one part and Mr. Lokan of the other part and already signed by the directors regarding a loan to the company be and is hereby ratified by this meeting.—proposed by Mr. H. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. E. S. Bull.

That the articles of Association be altered in manner following:

That the following words be added to Article 27 and the company may in general meeting from time to time increase the capital by the creation of new shares of an amount not exceeding Tls. 200,000 and that the capital of the company be increased to Tls. 400,000 by the creation of 4,000 new shares of Shanghai Tls. 50 each—proposed by Mr. H. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. E. S. Bull.

WAS IT A HOAX?

SPECIAL POLICE GUARD FOR ABBEY.

London, Dec. 27.

A mystery message containing an apparent threat to the safety of Westminster Abbey, but believed by the police to be a hoax, was posted on the walls of Westminster Abbey last night.

The threat contained the following words: "Dynamite received safely. Beware of spies and smugglers. North entrance, Westminster Abbey. Xmas night." The message was picked up in an East End of London Post Office a few days ago and had a German signature.

FURTHER 'QUAKES.

Calexico, Jan. 8.

The recurrence of earthquake shocks disturbed Calexico and Mexicali. Loose bricks were precipitated into the streets, and cracks in buildings widened.

Two buildings were destroyed by fire in Mexicali.

Simultaneously the Blackbutte volcano, forty miles south of the borders, is erupting, similarly to 1915, when earthquakes devastated Mexicali and other cities in the Imperial Valley.—Reuter's American Service.

LINGERING COUGHS.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

"STEP BY STEP."

INTERVIEW WITH CHANG TSO-LIN.

THE PLAGUE OF BOLSHEVISM.

Tientsin, Dec. 19.
Russian Bolshevism is a plague and if China sickness with the United States and other Powers are in serious danger of infection. Marshal Chang Tso-lin, Governor-General of Manchuria and recently elected Commander-in-Chief of the Ankuochuan, or Allied Peace Stabilization Army, to put down the Russian-influenced Southern force stated, in an interview with Mr. Frank H. Hedges, Staff Correspondent of the "Japan Advertiser."

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ABLE TO SUPPORT MILLION PEOPLE.

PHILIPPINES DISCOVERY.

A valley capable of supporting a million people was discovered in the uncharted regions of Mindanao by a party of explorers headed by Captain G. T. Rice. Captain Rice and his fellow travellers returned to Manila last Wednesday after spending 18 days in the country between Port Lekab and Cotabato.

Stories of a mountain that swallows rivers were heard by the party, but these they had no opportunity to confirm, though they found some evidence to support them.

The valley, named the Kulaman after the river which flows through its centre, is from 20 to 30 miles wide and about 70 long. It is 1,800 feet above sea level, marvellously fertile, and now inhabited by Manobos, who had never seen a white man until they met Captain Rice's party.

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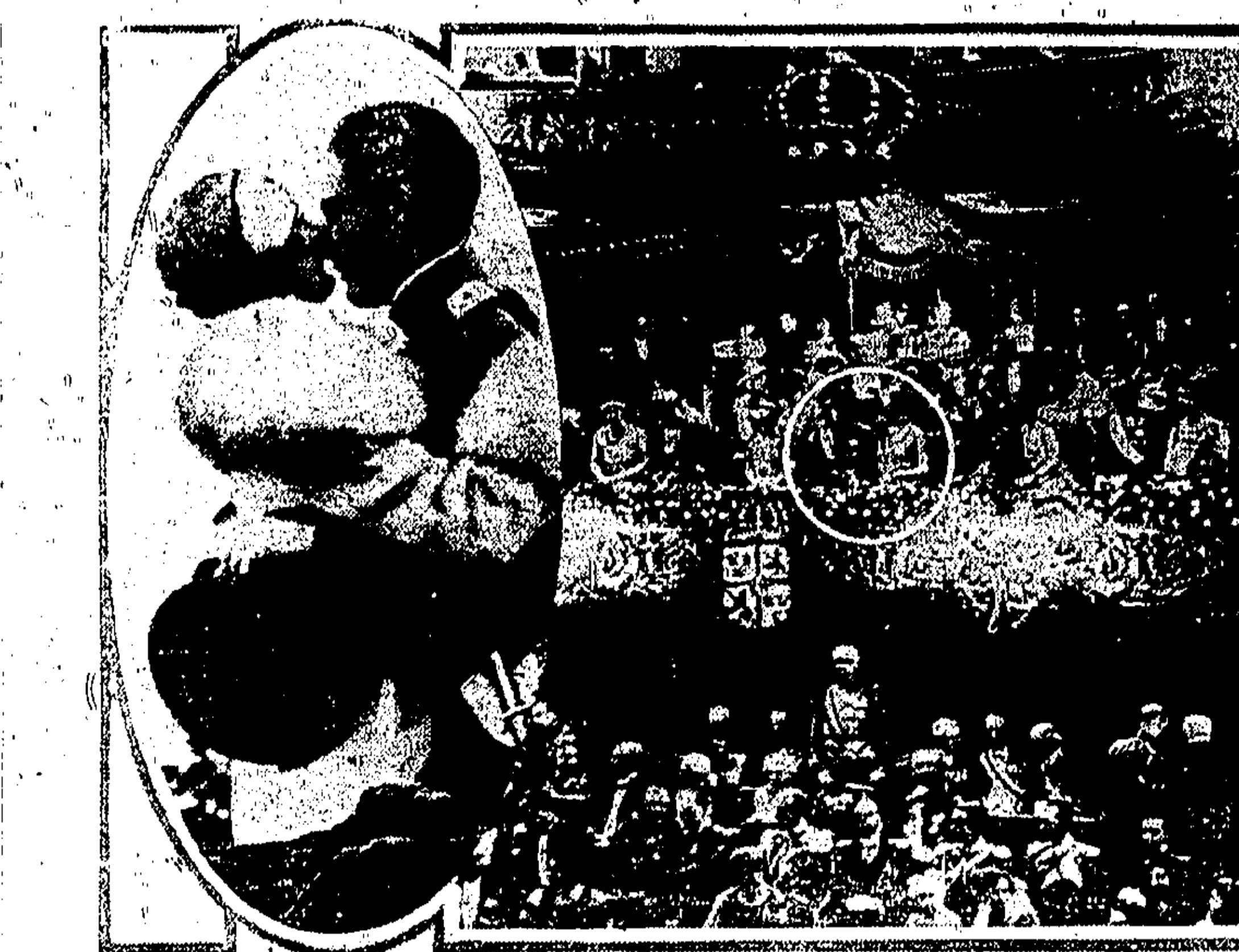
THE NEW ARTICLES.

Postponed from yesterday because of the holiday, the extraordinary general meeting of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. was largely attended at St. George's Building this afternoon.

The object was to consider new Articles of Association for the company.

Mr. R. G. Shaw (chairman) presided. He was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. C. A. da Roza, Mr. A. L. Alves (members of the consulting committee), Mr. D. L. King (secretary and manager) and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (the company's solicitor).

Among the shareholders were noticed Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. W. J. Carroll, Mr. P. Tester, Mr. E. Rouillon, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. C. B. Brown, Mr. F. M. Crawford,



Prince Leopold of Belgium is shown greeting his bride, Princess Astrid of Sweden, on her arrival at Antwerp, Belgium, on her way to Brussels, where their religious marriage was performed. A civil service had been performed in Stockholm. At the right the couple are shown during the marriage ceremonies at the Belgian royal palace.

Afries, there is a general concensus of Foreign opinion in North China that the situation brought about by the Boxer defeat and preceding events is no longer possible and probably not desirable. The belief among this group is equally strong that any such drastically radical programme as immediate and unconditional treaty abolition would be detrimental to foreign interests but even more so to Chinese.

Lessons of Events.

There is nothing particularly new in this viewpoint; the new element is that it has come to be generally accepted among foreigners who insist on seeing the China problem from a realist's viewpoint. Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, then American Minister to China, announced very much the same opinion several years ago, but it required the May 30 tragedy at Shanghai and the incidents that followed in its train to gain wider credence. As a matter of fact, the programme was not new but these Powers also in an indirect way. China needs your help in combating this common evil."

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PEKING CABINET PUZZLE.

Peking, Dec. 30.
The establishment of the Government is still arousing much interest in Peking.

General Chin Yun-ping's prospects are adversely affected by the defection of his brother, General Chin Yun-ao, from Marshal Wu Pei-fu.

Mr. Liang Shih-yi's name is now mentioned, but the opinion is gaining ground that Dr. Wellington Koo may be induced to retain the premiership.

SHIP SINKS.

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FRANCE'S YEAR.

PREMIER REVIEWS WORLD PROBLEMS.

Paris, Jan. 3.

A telegram from Paris states that the most notable international achievement of 1926, according to M. Briand, writing in the "Matin," was the construction of the peace framework which might take time to be shaken but which constituted an instrument of appreciable solidarity against the risk of war.

M. Briand reviewed the numerous recent international agreements, including the Italo-German Treaty, drafted in "unexceptionable terms." He was a sincere friend of Italy, and always ready for a rapprochement with her.

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SAME STRENGTH.

UNITED STATES NAVY ESTIMATES.

Washington, Jan. 4.

The Naval Appropriations Bill totalling \$314,500,000, which has been reported to the House of Representatives, provides for the maintenance of the Navy at approximately the present strength, but proposes to cut \$1,950,000 in the funds for cruising activities.

The appropriation committee is sympathetic to the President's desire for further limitation of armaments, but the report indicates readiness to proceed with the construction of new cruisers whenever the President recommends.—Reuter's American Service.

PILOT'S DEATH.

Shanghai papers announce that news has been received in Shanghai of the death in Rotterdam on Dec. 27 of Captain W. F. Sont. The late Captain Sont was for many years a member of the Shanghai Licensed Pilots' Association, and was greatly esteemed and respected in this city. His death will be regretted by shipping men all over the China Coast.

SHANGHAI MAN'S DEATH.

Shanghai papers record the death of Mr. W. H. Etterley, who has been connected with the Public Works Department for a matter of 15 years, during the latter portion of which he was the assistant superintendent of the Parks Division. The deceased, who was born in England in 1886, is survived by a wife and two children.

The chairman then proceeded to review the more important of the changes contemplated, including the appointment of a board of seven directors (instead of the consulting committee) at an annual (total) fee of \$7,000 instead of \$5,000; also the vesting of the power of the general managers in a managing director and general agents, the power of the general managers to be in the hands of the board of directors.

Mr. J. M. Alves proposed an amendment which was seconded by Mr. Currie, namely, that the number of directors be "not less than three and not more than nine" instead of seven, as it was desirable to bring in as many persons as possible, who could bring the company business.

Mr. C. A. da Roza seconded Mr. Shaw's resolution that the Articles be adopted.

Mr. W. Morley then asked for assurance that the general agents be not appointed without the approval of the shareholders in general meeting. He then proposed an amendment to that effect and this was seconded by Mr. E. Rouillon.

Mr. Morley's amendment was lost when put to the vote.

Mr. J. M. Alves' amendment was carried nem. con. The chairman announced that this concluded the public business of the meeting.

Mr. N. V. Croucher asked why the Press were being excluded from the second meeting and the chairman replied that the meeting was private. Mr. Croucher pointed out that it had not been advertised as such. His objection was overruled and the Press withdrew.

HEAVY FLOOD LOSSES.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 29.
The flooded area in Nashville as a result of overflowing rivers and recent heavy rains is 250 blocks. Five thousand houses are in the flooded area. Five States have suffered flood losses in the last week with several dead and thousand homeless.

PARIS ARREST.

ANOTHER ESPIONAGE CHARGE.

London, Dec. 29.

Vivian Stranders, an Englishman, has been arrested in Paris on an espionage charge on behalf of the German Secret Service. He was a staff officer with the rank of Captain during part of the War. The "Daily Mail" understands that about three months ago, communication, regarding him was received by a special branch of Scotland Yard giving a close description and details of his alleged activities and asking the Yard to keep a close lookout for him. Since the end of November until his arrest on December 21, his movements were known day by day by the Yard, who were in constant communication with Paris.

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SPORTS SECTION

HOME SOCCER.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS IN THE LEAGUE.

SCOTTISH SURPRISES.

London, Jan. 3.—Matches played to-day in the principal football leagues (home teams given first), resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Div. III (North).
Ashington 2, Chesterfield 1.
Hartlepools 1, Stockport 2.
Wigan 1, Halifax 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.
Aberdeen 2, Hibernians 5.
Airdrieonians 7, Hamilton 1.
Celtic 2, Queen's Park 3.
Dundee United 1, Dundee 0.
Dunfermline 2, Kilmarnock 3.
Hearts 4, Cowdenbeath 3.
Motherwell 3, Falkirk 3.
Partick 1, Rangers 4.
St. Johnstone 1, Clyde 3.
St. Mirren 3, Morton 1.
—Reuter.

INTERPORT SOCCER.

DATE FIXED FOR MATCH v. SHANGHAI.

LOCAL XI SELECTED.

Hong Kong's-Interport football match against Shanghai has been fixed for Wednesday, February 2, on the Hong Kong F.C. ground at Happy Valley.

The local eleven has been selected as follows:—

goal: Clark (Police); backs: W. Y. (Police), Bishop (Hong Kong F.C.);

halves: Hudson (Police), Sims (Kowloon F.C.), Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Athletic);

forwards: D. Xavier (Club de Recreio), Howard (H.K.F.C.), Gosano (Recreio), McGlinchey (Scottish Borderers), Brown (Recreio);

reserves: P. Xavier (Recreio), Brittain (Police), J. Silva (Recreio), Chang Kwong-ju (Athletic), Ip Kau (Athletic), Orr (Kowloon).

The next trial is to be played to-morrow on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m. The full team including reserves are to be present for the trial game with the Royal Navy.

TEST CRICKET.

TREATMENT OF DIFFERENT PLAYERS.

London, Nov. 25.

The "Daily Express" prominence to a cable from its Melbourne representative referring to the bonus proposal for test cricketers. Quoting the assertion that some of the Australian cricketers returned broken by secular bands," he said.

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SUNDAY GAMES.

DEAN SAYS "ALL DAYS THE SAME."

BLOW TO MARRIAGE."

There was a sharp division of opinion on Sunday games at the meeting of the National Assembly of the Church of England at Westminster.

Sir George King moved a resolution expressing regret at the decision of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners allowing Sunday games on land under their control.

The Dean of Exeter, Dr. Gamble, in moving that the resolution "be not put," said that the idea of Christianity was that all days were the same but that one day was set apart for public worship. The Sabbatharian idea was a Puritan tradition; and he opposed it, because it was false.

TEACHERS MOTORING.

"Sunday recreations have come to stay, whatever we desire," said the dean. "We cannot get rid of them, and the real question, to my mind, is whether the Church shall oppose this movement or guide it. I am in favour of the latter course."

Lord Phillimore seconded the dean's motion.

The Bishop of Durham, Dr. Henson, said: "We are now in the first stages of a complete secularisation of Sunday. We cannot get teachers in our Sunday schools because they are motoring."

Eventually a resolution was passed deploring any action that strengthened the secularising tendencies of Sunday, "already too powerful in English society."

AN "INSULT FROM ROME."

During a discussion on the relations with foreign Churches, the Bishop of Ripon, Dr. Burroughs, said:

"We ought to be an obstacle to the realisation of the Papal dream. We have recently seen the degree of modern opportunism by which the Church of Rome allows itself to be politically minded; and although the question I refer to will not receive the official notice of this assembly, still I think it not unfit to make passing and restrained allusion to the incident which is calculated to deal a further blow to the stability of Christian marriages, which is an insult—whether calculated or otherwise—to the old communion to which we are proud to belong. (Cheers.)

GODLESS SOUTHEAD.

Mr. L. V. Rogers, formerly secretary of the local Free Church Council, made a strong attack on Southend when acknowledging a presentation at the United Methodist Church.

"The recognition of the hour of Divine Service has been trampled in the dust and desecrated by secular bands," he said.

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RACEHORSE OWNER'S DEETS.

Calcutta, Dec. 6.—The Subordinate Judge at Alipore has ordered the attachment of the well-known owner, Mr. J. C. Galstaun's, racehorses and other horses, motor cars, furniture and jewellery, etc., on the application of certain Bombay merchants, and bankers in the execution of a decree for over 31 lakhs of rupees.

Mr. Galstaun's pleader urged the Court's jurisdiction for staying execution on giving security.

The Judge overruled the contention and issued a writ of attachment.

The applicants submitted that Mr. Galstaun had entered valuable racehorses for the Calcutta races to be run on Dec. 11. If some accident happened to them they would lose their value, and the applicants' chance of recovering the full amount due them would be lost.

NORTHERN UNION-RUGGER.

London, Dec. 9.

Under Northern Union rules St. Helen's defeated the New Zealanders by 22 points to 12.

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E. Footh, half-back of the Mountain Ash Rugby Club, has signed on for the Northern Union Oldham C. C. He is eighteen years of age and was a schoolboy international. He also played in the Welsh trials.

TWO CENTURIES.

NAVY BEAT CLUB BY 4 WICKETS.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

Two centuries were scored in Holiday cricket fixtures yesterday.

For the Hong Kong C.C., H. Owen Hughes (the Interport player) made 165 not out but his side lost by four wickets to the Royal Navy in the last match of the local triangular tournament.

C. T. Evans of Kowloon was the other centurion.

Batsmen were on top yesterday on the H.K.C.C. ground both when the Club resumed their 2nd innings and when the Navy went in to get 270 runs in 3 hours.

The Club resumed with 41 for 3 wickets down. Owen Hughes hit out to great advantage. He gave two chances but his shots included some pretty late cuts, square cuts and drives. His score included 3 sixes and 22 fours. Pearce and Hancock also came along with useful contributions and the innings was declared at 299 runs for 8 wickets. Sturges was again the most successful bowler, as in the 1st innings.

Every batsman got going the Navy's 2nd innings, Sturges getting top score with 62 not out (including 6 fours and 2 fives).

Bad fielding by the Club—and of the 2nd innings lost them the match. Complete scores:—

H.K.C.C.—1st Innings.

A. W. Hayward, c Brewerton, b Sturges 49
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Cantrell 0
H. Owen Hughes, c Cantrell 41
G. R. Sayer, c Cantrell, b Beatty 10
T. E. Pearce, c Brewerton, b Beatty 10
H. E. B. Hancock, c Armitage, b Sturges 7
J. C. Loyal, b Sturges 0
G. F. Gardner, c & b Sturges 0
R. H. Hinton, c Brewerton, b Sturges 0

H.K.C.C.—2nd Innings.

A. C. Bowker, not out 11
G. R. Vallack, b Sturges 1
Extras 6

Total 146

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Cantrell 15 3 21 2
Beatty 15 0 45 2
Emley 14 0 26 0
Shaw 3 0 18 0
Sturges 6 0 36 6

Royal Navy—1st Innings.

Lt.-Comdr. Armitage, c Owen Hughes, b Bowker 1
Lt. Col. Hussey, c Hayward, b Bowker 1
Sayer 4
Lt. Sayer, c Sayer, b Bowker 32
Flight Lt. Brewerton, b Bowker 43
Fl. Lt. O. Lowell, c Armitage, b Sayer 2
Rev. V. Venet, c Bowker 1
Lt. Col. Cantrell, b Bowker, b Vallack 1
Lt. Bowley, c Hancock, b Vallack 12
Lt. Sturges, not out 22
Pay Lt.-Comdr. Shaw, st. Pearce, b Sayer 26
Lt.-Comdr. Beatty, b Bowker 1
Extras 27

Total 176

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Sayer 14 1 04 4
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J. C. Loyal, b Sturges 8
R. H. Hinton, c Hussey, b Sturges 0
Extras 11

Total (for 8 wkt., dec.) 239

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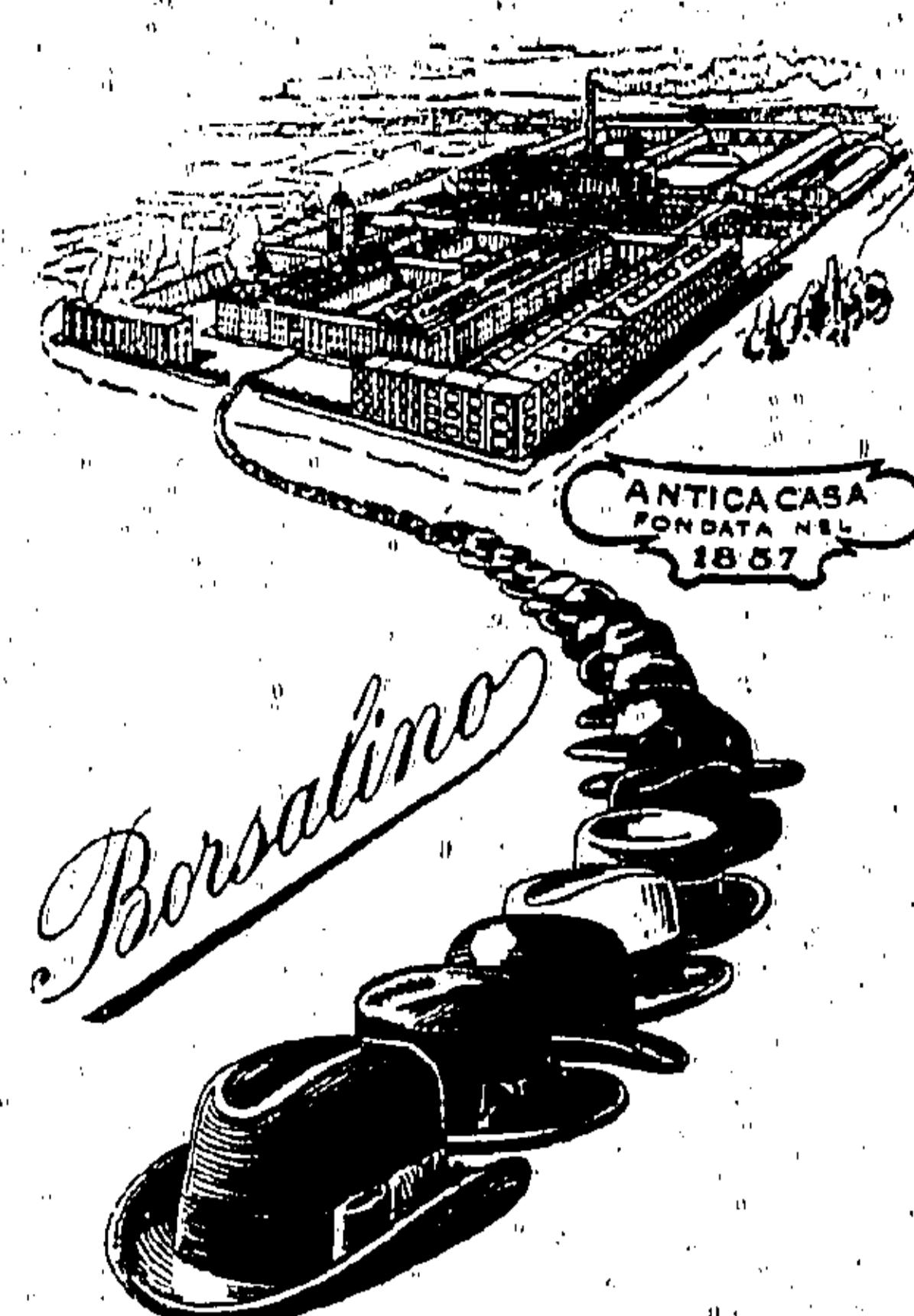
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

During road-widening operations at Maidstone, two signs in a good state of preservation were unearthed.

Captain Arthur Edwin, of Cliff Dene, Parkstone, who died at his residence, was a believer in the British Israel identity.

As the result of a recruiting campaign in the Erith (Kent) district, the 206 Battery, R.A. (Territorial), is now at established strength.

The Winslow (Bucks) Guardians were informed at their meeting that a former member of the Board had been admitted into the workhouse as a paying guest.

The L.C.C. are to develop sixty-seven acres at Hammersmith by the erection of 662 houses and nineteen shops at a cost of £450,000. The Council have also decided to spend £21,000 modernising Banstead Asylum.

The secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers has written to the Postmaster-General pointing out that it is "offensive and nauseating" to postmen to have to handle consignments of poultry and game, which are sent through the post insecurely packed.

A Chinese junk was attacked by pirates when moored near Lunghua. Several men, armed with hatchets, boarded the craft, intimidated, bound and gagged the crew to make sure that there would be no outcry, and got away successfully with \$600. The master was not reported to the police until some time later.

Three French firemen of the French Mail liner "Angers" were arrested in the Hongkong district of Shanghai and found to be in possession of 11 automatic pistols and 1,300 rounds of ammunition. At 12.35 a.m. on the same day a Chinese was arrested on the Whangpoo Wharf in Wayside and two pistols and 125 rounds of ammunition were found on him. It is thought that the guns in both instances came from the same source.

Highbury Borough Council are to erect eighty tenements at Mantell Street at a cost of £57,000.

An Italian Government Commission reports the discovery of gold and silver reefs in the hills north of Turin.

Herbert Rowson, a spectator from Glazebury, who was present at the Rugby League match between Leigh and Swinton at Leigh, dropped dead just before the interval.

The decapitated body of a commercial traveller, named C. W. Youle, who had been missing from the City Arms Hotel, Hereford, was found on the railway line a mile from Hereford.

The Gravesend and Northfleet Electric Tramway Co., which controls seven miles of track, has given notice that an order is to be applied for authorising the "scrapping" of the tramways and the substitution of motor-buses.

An Italian vice consulate has been created in Brisbane on account of the large number of Italians living in Queensland. The Italian Government thinks there is room for a greater number of its nationals to emigrate there.

The first system of wireless telephony in Burma has been established between the office of the Rangoon Port Trust and the pilot vessel in the Gulf of Martaban. The telephone has a device by which either party can call up, and is capable of communicating with vessels for a distance of 200 miles.

An offer by the Empire Marketing Board of £2,000 annually for five years for research by the Cawthron Institute in New Zealand for the entomological control of noxious weeds, especially the blackberry, on condition that the New Zealand Government and the Cawthron Institute contribute £1,000 annually, has been accepted. It is proposed to send insects to New Zealand to eat up the blackberry.

The death is announced of Major-General Sir H. Fielden, the Crimea veteran.

The death has occurred at Woodford Essex, of Mr. David J. Legg, who for fifty years was the secretary of the Religious Tract Society.

When the "Elder Dempster steamer "Ekar" arrived at Liverpool from West African ports it was reported that during the homeward voyage, while the vessel was at Tenerife, one of the passengers, Lieut. Basil Burdell Moxon, of Liverpool, died of blackwater fever, and was buried at sea. Lieut. Moxon joined the "Ekar" at Bathurst.

Major Alvaro de Castro, the former High Commissioner of Mozambique and twice Prime Minister of Portugal, is lying seriously ill in the Fort of Elvas, where he has been confined as a political prisoner. Dr. Domingos Pereira, a former Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, is also seriously ill.

The Governor of Illinois has refused the request of the Mayor of Herrin that a military Court should be set up in Southern Illinois to deal with "gang warfare" there, on the ground that it is not the duty of the National Guard to maintain law and order unless the civil agencies have collapsed. The mayor wrote that no citizens would give evidence against these gangs for fear of their lives.

Marked secrecy attended the funeral of Rosey Brunner and his wife who were found dead in a cottage at Putney from bullet wounds. Brunner was chairman of directors of Brunner, Mond and Company, Ltd., famous manufacturing chemists. His financial affairs were reported to be in perfect order which adds to the mystery attaching to their death. Only the undertakers men attended in closed cars, which bore no wreaths and made a lengthy detour, twice circling Woking before entering. The bodies were cremated behind locked doors.

MOVIE NOTES.

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"Eyes of Youth," the Gloria Swanson picture at present being directed by Albert Parker for United Artists' release, has had its name changed to "Suny."

"The Black Bottom," a new eccentric ballroom dance, has become the rage in Hollywood. It is displacing the Charleston by leaps and bounds, and it is quite safe to prophesy that within a short time, the once popular Charleston will have become old-fashioned.

Maurice Elvey has finished "Hindle Wakes" for Gaumont. The picture is adapted from the late Stanley Houghton's famous play, and features Estelle Brody, leading player in the other Elvey production, "Mademoiselle From Armentières." The supporting cast includes John Stuart, Peggy Carlisle, Clifford Rowal, Alfred Goddard and Cyril Maclagan. It is a British super-production.

The Photoplay Magazine prize medal for the best motion picture made during the year 1925 has been awarded to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Corporation for "The Big Parade." This picture was directed by King Vidor, and the leading parts were taken by John Gilbert and Renee Adoree. Judged from all angles, the picture deserves winning the medal; and in making the award, "Photoplay" dwelt upon the many extraordinary good points of this epic of the Great War, and complimented those responsible for its production for having turned out a picture of such merit and distinction, adding a word or two of praise for Vidor and Marcus Loew, head of M-G-M, for their unusual confidence and daring.

"Sella Dallas," that adorable epic of mother love and sacrifice, should run a close second to "The Big Parade." However, the performances of Belle Bennett and Lois Moran as Stella Dallas and Laurel Dallas respectively had high places in the role of best individual performances of the year.

Richard Barthelmess has returned from a holiday in Europe, and has started work on "The Patent Leather Kid," with Dorothy Mackaill. Al Santell is directing.

Gregory La Cava is directing Richard Dix in "Paradise For Two," a Paramount picture, at Famous Players' Long Island Studios.

Lon Chaney has finished "The Wicked Mr. Wu," and will soon

start work on "The Ordeal," in which he will take the role of an armless leper. The original name of the picture was "Alonzo The Armless." He will be supported by Greta Garbo. "The Ordeal" is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

Willy Fritsch, the German leading man of "The Waltz Dream," has been signed by Joseph M. Schenck, and will soon leave Berlin for America.

Michael Arlen's "The Green Hat" is being filmed after all. William Fox has brought the screen rights to the story, and production on it will soon start, with Howard Hawks, of "Three Bad Men" fame, directing. Virginia Valli will be starred in the leading feminine role.

Ernest Lubitsch is finishing "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" for Famous Players. Adolphe Menjou and Florence Vidor appear in the production.

Erich Von Stroheim is directing Gilda Gray in "Glorifying The American Girl," the Famous Players-Ziegfeld special, at Paramount's West Coast Studios.

John Robertson is directing Ramon Novarro in "Old Heidelberg" for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Betty Balfour, the dainty British star appearing in Gaumont pictures, has been busy during the autumn on a new film aptly titled "Little Devil-May-Care," which is being produced by Marcel L'Herbier. She has forsaken Cockney costume and will appear in a fisher-girl role, which is well-suited to her characteristics and temperament. She has a new vis-a-vis for this picture in Jacques Cetain.

That sentimental war-time ballad, "Roses of Picardy," will furnish the title for another Gaumont-British film, which will be a post-war story dedicated to ex-service men.

Latest social item from Hollywood: "Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. seems to have had some misunderstanding with Betty Bronson; he has been seen in intimate company with Lois Moran." It will be remembered that Doug and Lois worked opposite each other, as Richard Van Dyke Grosvenor and Laurel Dallas, respectively, in "Stella Dallas."

"The Lily," Victor Schertzinger's production for Fox, has been released. Belle Bennett is again provided with a part which brings out to the full her rare dramatic talent as the daughter, "Odette." She will soon start work on "Mother Machree," another merciless enemy to our tear ducts.

I hear that "The Big Parade" will be in Hong Kong very shortly. This is a picture which must not be missed by any "fan," and is one which even the most fastidious patrons of the silent drama will find delight in. The film does not plan to show that it was America that won the War; its only intention being just to provide the great theatre public with a stirring story of the War, adding incidents illustrating the many sides of life "over there." This picture, together with "Stella Dallas," "Ben-Hur," "Peter Pan," "The Vanishing American," and one or two other pictures marked the beginning of a new greater movie era in the history of the screen.

Richard Headrick, the child actor of a few years ago, has turned evangelist, and is at present busy saving souls in the Middle West of America.

Buster Keaton's palatial Beverly Hills cottage is completed, and the frozen-faced comedian and the family will soon move into the new home. It is reported that Buster was tired of listening to the ocean waves at Santa Monica, where his present home is, and that it why he spent over \$150,000 in the erection of a house in Hollywood.

Constance Talmadge is preparing to start work on "Carlotta" for First National.

The title of Jack Barrymore's latest picture, a United Artists' release, "The Vagabond Lover," has been changed to "The Beloved Rogue."

Samuel Hopkins Adams has been signed by Famous Players to write ten original stories for the screen.

Frances "Peaches" Browning, née Keenan, has been offered a really good chance to go into the movies. It will be recalled that "Peaches" was the child wife of New York's Cinderella man, the millionaire Edward Browning, and only quite recently won separation from her husband—"The Hollywood Boulevardier."

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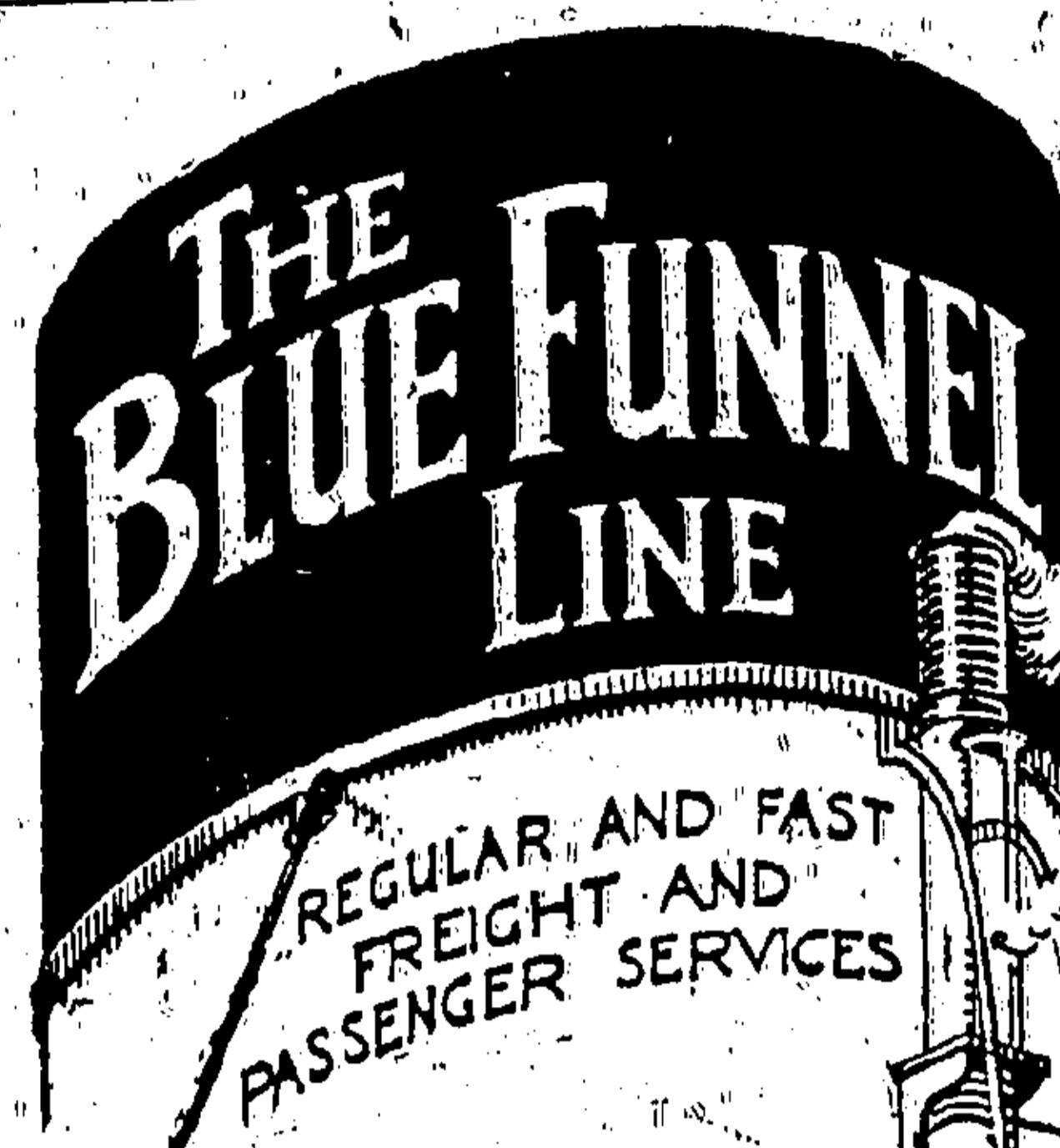


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CHANG TSO-LIN.

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Railway Traffic Resumed.

Hankow, Dec. 27.

Mr. Sun Fo, Nationalist Minister of Communications, announced to-day that, as a result of negotiations with representatives of Marshal Wu Pei-fu's generals in Honan, through traffic on the Peking-Hankow Railway as far as Chengchow was resumed to-day.

Until to-day only two trains were operated daily. The receipts were insufficient to pay the expenses. Under the new arrangement about ten trains will run daily.

It is estimated that between 60 and 70 tons of grain are awaiting haulage at stations in Honan province. All this will be moved with the resumption of through traffic.

The negotiations for this resumption began immediately upon the arrival here of the Nationalist Government officials. Representatives of some of the leading generals of Marshal Wu were approached for an understanding. This was finally consummated.

Mr. Sun Fo said to-day that out of the surplus over operating expenses realised by the new through traffic he will begin extensive repairs and replacements along the line within a few months.

It is expected by the business community here that the new traffic will have a stimulating effect upon trade in the Wu-Han area.—Reuter.

Foreigners' Lucky Escape.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

"A new use for Balacava helmets," or "How two foreign women escaped annoyances planned for them by out-of-hand soldiers and anti-foreign students," might be the title of the story telling of the way in which two women missionaries left a certain town in Kiangsi province, when there were students lying in wait for them, and they could expect no protection from Southern soldiers," says the "Shanghai Times."

Cooed up in their small compound in this inland town, the two women sat through one night listening to the shouts of a mob which marched round and round their building, beating occasionally on the gates, howling abuse, and sometimes heaving mud and pebbles over the wall.

Next morning there was a picket of Southern soldiers placed by pure chance, of course—near the gate by which they might be expected to attempt to leave the compound. These soldiers would inform the students when the women, whose only crime was that they taught the Gospel, tended the sick, and instructed a number of children how to read and write, were leaving; then they would conveniently turn their backs until all was over.

The students were making assurance doubly sure by watching the city gates.

About the time of the evening meal, when the soldiers were busy with their rice, some native friends brought wheel-barrows into the mission compound, and gave the women long robes, like those worn by Chinese men. They covered their faces and heads with Balacava helmets, those warm woolly, but ungainly things favoured by Chinese to keep the frost from their ears, and worn years ago by Tommies in the trenches. Perched on these wheel-barrows, the women went through the streets, past the curious eyes of the soldiers, past the suspicious scrutiny of the students, and through the gate.

One of them reached Shanghai recently. She could not tell the name of the town for fear of reprisals on her friends who had helped to save her.

THE HERO OF QUEBEC.

Rugby, Jan. 3.

Yesterday was the bi-centenary of the birth of General Wolfe, the hero of Quebec, and at a commemoration banquet to-night the guests will include most of the direct living relatives of Wolfe, the descendants of Pitt, who was the Minister who selected him for the command, and the descendants of the officers who served under Wolfe.—British Wireless Service.

WHOOPING COUGH.

A child had a bad case of whooping cough, and the parents were told to the doctor, Chamberlain's, Dr. Kennedy. It induces quite a sleep, but contains no narcotics for other than mild substances. Sold and recommended over here.

INDIAN FINANCE.

HIGHER EXCHANGE RATIO QUESTION.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE VIEWS.

Calcutta, Jan. 8.

At Tannan, the Principal of the Bombay Sydenham College of Commerce, presiding at the tenth session of the conference of Indian economists, supported as a whole the Currency Commission's proposals.

He asserted that the higher exchange ratio would hardly affect the small producer or the agricultural labourer, while the lower ratio, on the other hand might necessitate retrenchment and additional taxation.

Mr. Tannan, while supporting the gold bullion standard, urged the introduction of a gold currency within five to six years.

He emphasised the need of a proper banking system and an

Sir Rajendranath Mookerjee,

of the Imperial Bank of India,

welcoming the delegates

warned the advocates of the 1s. 4d. ratio that their policy of raising the price level all round was a deliberate sacrifice of the interests of the poor. He deplored the proposals regarding the gold bullion standard and said that the establishment of a reserve bank had not received the attention it deserved.—Reuter.

CHOICE OF ROUTES.

A CANAL FROM GREAT LAKES.

COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Washington, Jan. 3.

The Hoover Commission appointed by President Coolidge to advise upon the development of the canals from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic has reported in favour of the St. Lawrence route as recommended by the Canadian and American joint board of engineers.

The Commission declares that the construction of a canal of sufficient depth to admit ocean shipping from the Atlantic to the Great Lakes is an economic necessity for the Middle West.

The Commission prefers the St. Lawrence route in view of the advantages of the cost of maintenance, especially the belief that the scheme will make possible the largest hydro-electric development project in North America, providing a total of 5,000,000 horse-power, of which about half lies in the upper rapids along the international sections between the States of New York and Ontario.—Reuter's American Service.

Rugby, Jan. 3.

A striking tribute to the United States was paid by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. S. M. Bruce at a luncheon. Mr. Bruce said that nothing was further from the truth than the rant of uninformed people that the United States was too brazen about herself.

On the contrary the United States, on which Australia endeavoured to pattern herself in many ways, does not talk enough about herself. Indeed she is indecently modest.

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At Basra it will be due to connect with the fast Saturday mail steamer due at Karachi on the 2nd Thursday—14 days from London—and also with the slow service for various Persian Gulf ports, leaving Basra on alternate Sundays.

Thus the air mail will offer in comparison with transmission by the desert motor route or by the sea route via Bombay a saving in the time of transit of about two and seventeen days, respectively, to Basra, and approximately seven days to Bushire and other Persian Gulf ports, and about two days to Karachi and North-West India.—British Wireless Service.

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An official welcome was accorded the Air Minister, who said the total flying time from London to Baghdad was 88 hours, and the average 100 miles an hour.

He believed the new Calcutta-Karachi air service would assist in stimulating the development of Iraq without injuring the business of the overland route.—British Wireless Service.

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